

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2014**

A Special Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 10:00 a.m. on October 29, 2014, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Alan Gardner, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine S. Hall.

Also in attendance were Kevin Jenkins of *The Spectrum* and Julie Applegate of *St. George News*.

AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1851, A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 31, 2014, AS GRANT GERBER DAY

Commissioner Gardner explained that this Resolution is to honor Commissioner Grant Gerber, of Elko County, Nevada, who led the Grass March / Cowboy Express from the Pacific Coast of California, across the country, to Washington D.C. Commissioner Gerber and representatives of counties in several different Western states carried petitions expressing concerns about the overreach of the federal government, held press conferences and rallies along the way, and picked up additional petitions.

Unfortunately, Commissioner Gerber's horse stepped in a prairie dog hole and threw its rider. Commissioner Gerber sustained severe head injuries and subsequently died, on October 25, 2014. This resolution is a tribute to him and to his effort to bring attention to the encroachment by the federal government in many issues, including land-use. October 31, 2014, was selected as Grant Gerber Day to coincide with the Nevada Day celebrations in that state.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1851, A Resolution Proclaiming October 31, 2014, as Grant Gerber Day. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1852, A RESOLUTION QUESTIONING THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S ARBITRARY CLOSURE AND ARBITRARY DELAY IN RE-OPENING THE RECAPTURE CANYON ROUTE IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH, AND IN CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE REOPENING OF THE RECAPTURE CANYON ROUTE

Chairman Eardley said that this resolution, much like the first one, supports other counties and states in their ongoing battle against the overreach and encroachment of the federal government in unilaterally making decisions without input from those local entities.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1852, A Resolution Questioning The Bureau Of Land Management's Arbitrary Closure And Arbitrary Delay In Re-Opening The Recapture Canyon Route In San Juan County, Utah, And In Calling For The Immediate Reopening Of The Recapture Canyon Route. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Iverson voting aye.

Request a Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
CHAIRMAN